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WHEREAS, federal libraries provide critical support to the formulation and implementation of federal policies through research and information collection; and

WHEREAS, federal librarians create, maintain, and acquire databases, information systems, and publications on behalf of the government, many containing substantial amounts of sensitive information; and

WHEREAS, federal librarians represent the U.S. Government in numerous national and international organizations and forums; and

WHEREAS, federal librarians play a key role in making government information available to the public through web sites, print collections, and direct public services; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has directed federal agencies to compete five percent of their work force positions that have been designated "not inherently governmental;" and

WHEREAS, lack of recognition of the critical role of federal libraries and other federal information organizations has led many federal libraries to be designated as "not inherently governmental" by their agencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that ALA urges the Office of Management and Budget and other federal agencies to designate federal libraries and information centers as "inherently governmental" functions.

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